

Present: Alderpersons John Alt, John Ellington and Michael Zolper

Absent: -

Also Present: Mayor, Mike Palm; City Administrator, Edward Geick; Police Chief, Mark Schauf, Emily Truman, City Attorney, Finance Director, Cynthia Haggard and City Clerk, Brenda Zeman

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Alt at 12:00PM CST., with roll call and noting compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

Moved by Ellington to approve the minutes of December 10, 2018, seconded by Alt and unanimously carried.

Motion by Ellington to approve agenda, seconded by Alt and unanimously carried.

Review and recommendation to City Council to change the City Code to allow for the consumption of wine in certain parks, in addition to already permitted fermented malt beverages.

Truman began by stating the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed and overhauled City Chapter 19, Park's Rules and Regulations. There were discrepancies as to what was allowed in the Code compared to other sections of the Code regarding drinking alcohol in parks. The Park's Commission is recommending to Council to allow the consumption of fermented malt beverages along with wine in most, but not all, City parks.

To make things consistent, there are other changes in sections of the Code. Truman emphasized that it was very important if one change is being made in the Code, if there are other corresponding things elsewhere in the Code, they are done at the same time.

Chief Schauf commented that prior to the recommended change, a person could walk on the River Walk with an open beer. He emphasized this allowance wasn't the intent of the River Walk. The bigger change in the Code is allowing a person sitting in the park to have a beer and wine. Before, it was just a beer.

Ellington questioned whether or not a person could have a drink on one of the benches on the River Walk. Chief Schauf responded that with the passage of the change in the Code, the benches will be one of the prohibited areas.

Motion to recommend the Council to consider changing the City Code to allow for wine in certain parks, in addition to already permitted fermented malt beverages by Ellington, seconded by Zolper and unanimously carried.

Review and recommendation to the Common Council to approve the proposed amendments to §9.10(3)(b), Baraboo Municipal Code, pertaining to raising chickens in the City of Baraboo.

Truman explained that the changes to the code are clarifications to the length of time for the permits. As it stands, citizenry could make an argument that the permit is one year, or two years. Truman confirmed with Chief Schauf and Clerk Zeman that the two-year license is fine.

Another change to the Code is that all initial applications will be reviewed by Chief Schauf unless one of the neighbors notified as the result of the application process has a concern. In that case, the application will still come to the Commission to make a decision.

Language related to revocation has changed. If an offense is egregious it's a violation of Chapter 9.51, which is the animal cruelty State Statute. The permit can be automatically revoked pending an appeal. The appeal will be to the Administrative Committee.

Motion to recommend the Council to consider changing the City Code to approve the proposed amendment to §9.10(3)(b), Baraboo Municipal Code, pertaining to raising chickens in the City of Baraboo by Zolper, seconded by Ellington and unanimously carried.

Member comments

The next meeting will be March 4, 2018 at 12:00PM CST. Meeting location will be 101 South Boulevard. Moved by Ellington to adjourn, seconded by Zolper and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:18PM CST.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Haggard, Finance Director